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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL DAY

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1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT PEKING WILL RESTRICT ONLY IN CERTAIN ASPECTS THE CHINESE PUBLIC'S OBSERVANCE OF OCTOBER 1.

2. EXHIBITS FOR NATIONAL DAY WHICH WERE OBSERVED BEING CONSTRUCTED IN PARKS SEVERAL DAYS AGO (REFTEL) ARE NOW BEING DISMANTLED, AT LEAST IN SOME PARKS. THIS LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER INDICATION OF CONFUSION OR DISAGREEMENT OVER THE PROPER BLEND OF MOURNING AND FESTIVITY ON WHAT IS NORMALLY A VERY FESTIVE OCCASION. BUT OTHER PREPARATIONS ARE PROCEEDING APACE. THUS FLORAL DISPLAYS HAVE APPEARED IN THE PARKS AND ON TIEN AN MEN SQUARE, WHERE THE LARGE PORTRAIT OF SUN YAT-SEN HAS ALSO BEEN SET UP IN ITS USUAL NATIONAL DAY PLACE JUST NORTH OF THE MARTYR'S MONUMENT. IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE CITY DISPLAYS TO EXPRESS MOURNING HAVE BEEN REPLACED, IN THE PAST DAY, WITH NATIONAL DAY DECORATIONS. STRINGS OF COLORED LIGHTS HAVE BEGUN TO APPEAR ON SEVERAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS. PEOPLE'S DAILY SEPTEMBER 29

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NATIONWIDE STARTING OCTOBER 1.

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